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1. RE FRENCH PROPOSAL, IT OUR UNDERSTANDING PER REF B THAT FRENCH BELIEVE ALLIED INTERESTS WOULD BE BESTSERVED BY AVOIDING AGREEMENT WITH SOVIETS ON ESTABLISHMENT OF A SEPARATE CSCE COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS CONFERENCE FOLLOW- ON ( PARTICULARLY IF AGENDA ITEM IN THIS AREA WERE FORMULATED ALONG LINES OF SOVIET' S CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE PROPOSAL). WE UNDERSTAND FRENCH BELIEVE THEIR COORDINATING COMMITTEE PROPOSAL WOULD SERVE THIS END AND, IN ADDITION, BELIEVE  
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THAT IF COORDINATING COMMITTEE WERE TO FOCUS ITS DISCUSSIONS ON QUESTION OF POSSIBLE FUTURE CONFERENCES, SOVIETS MIGHT REDUCE PRESSURE FOR CSCE DISCUSSION OF FOLLOW- ON PERMANENT MACHINERY.

2. IN RESPONDING TO FRENCH AND OTHER ALLIES, YOU SHOULD REITERATE OUR VIEW ( REFS D AND E) THAT AS INITIAL STEP IN MPT TACTICAL SCENARIO, ALLIES MIGHT PROPOSE TO EAST THAT COORDINATING COMMITTEE SHOULD HANDLE ALL DISCUSSION OF AGENDA ITEM IV AND THAT SEPARATE COMMITTEE IN THIS AREA THEREFORE NOT NECESSARY.

3. IN RESPONSE TO SPECIFIC POINT RAISED BY FRENCH ( REF A) CONCERNING APPROPRIATE FOCUS OF COORDINATING COMMITTEE DISCUSSIONS, AS INDICATED REF C, WE BELIEVE DISCUSSION OF FUTURE CONFERENCES LOGICALLY MIGHT BE ONE OF THE FUNCTIONS ASSIGNED TO A CSCE FOLLOW- ON ORGAN, SUCH AS THE CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE PROPOSED BY SOVIETS. THEREFORE, WE WOULD NOT BE OPPOSED TO THE COORDINATING COMMITTEE' S DISCUSSING THIS SUBJECT, AMONG OTHERS, IN FOLLOW- ON AREA. WE DO NOT, HOWEVER, SHARE FRENCH VIEW THAT FOCUSING DISCUSSION IN THIS MANNER WILL REDUCE SOVIET PRESSURE FOR CSCE DISCUSSION OF PERMANENT MACHINERY. WE ALSO BELIEVE IT WOULD BE PREFERABLE IF COORDINATING COMMITTEE DEFERRED CONSIDERATION OF THIS ASPECT OF FOLLOW- ON QUESTION UNTIL LATER IN CSCE SINCE, IN OUR VIEW, INDICATION TO EAST AT MPT, OR EARLY IN CSCE, THAT ALLIES ALREADY ARE THINKING IN TERMS OF SERIES OF CONFERENCES MIGHT MAKE IT MORE DIFFICULT FOR ALLIES TO PRESS FOR CONCRETE MEASURES AT CSCE AND COULD WEAKEN NEGOTIATING POSITION ON PERMANENT MACHINERY QUESTION.

4. RE UK OBJECTION ( PARA 1, REF A) TO SPECIFICITY OF LANGUAGE PROPOSED BY US FOR REVISED FIRST SENTENCE OF UK MANDATE, OUR PURPOSE COULD ALSO BE ACCOMPLISHED BY REWORDING THIS SENTENCE ALONG MORE GENERAL LINES, FOR EXAMPLE:

" THE COMMITTEE, AFTER CONSIDERING THE RECOMMENDATIONS  
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OF THE OTHER COMMITTEES, SHALL STUDY THE NEED FOR  
MEASURES TO CARRY ON WORK PROGRAMS IN APPROPRIATE FIELDS  
WHICH MAY BE APPROVED BY THE CONFERENCE AND SHALL MAKE  
RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE CONFERENCE". AT TIME ABOVE  
LANGUAGE TABLED AT HELSINKI, ALLIES WOULD MAKE CLEAR  
THAT POLITICAL AND SECURITY TOPICS WOULD NOT BE CON-  
SIDERED BY ALLIES TO BE " APPROPRIATE FIELDS" FOR  
COMMITTEE DISCUSSION. ROGERS

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